

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appl. No. 09/407,804

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REMARKS

Claims 9-14 and 33-72 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 74-76 were added in the Amendment filed July 8, 2002. Claim 77 is being added herein.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 9, 12, 13, 33-39, 46, 72 and 74-77 will be pending.

No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Prosecution

In the instant application, a non-final Office Action was mailed by the U.S. PTO on April 8, 2002. In response, Applicants filed an Amendment on July 8, 2002, and a Supplemental Amendment on October 9, 2002. Applicants fully addressed each of the rejections in the Office Action of April 8, 2002 in these amendments.

On October 26, 2004, the Examiner contacted the undersigned and stated that the Amendment and Supplemental Amendment had overcome most of the rejections in the Office Action of April 8, 2002. The Examiner suggested an interview in order to discuss remaining rejections of the claims.

On November 18, 2004, the Examiner, the undersigned and Applicants participated in a telephonic interview where amendments to the claims to address the remaining rejections were discussed. The Examiner agreed that the amendments to the claims made herein overcame the remaining rejections to the claims, and that the claims as amended herein were allowable.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his helpful suggestions and the courtesy shown Applicants during the interview.

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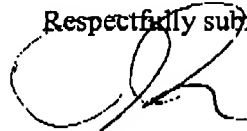
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II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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